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In San Antonio, Gloria is on the Board of Directors of the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber, Board of Directors of the Free Trade Alliance, on the Board of the Randolph Metrocom Chamber of Commerce, and Our Lady of the Lake Business Advisory Board. She is Chair of the Small Business Advocacy Council (SBAC), District 4, and a member of the Brooks City-Base Foundation Advisory Committee. She is an active member of the Greater Chamber of Commerce's San Antonio's Education Task Force Committee, Texas Scholars Program and Board member of the Northeast Business Advocacy Council. Gloria serves on the Government Affairs Committee of the Hispanic Chamber. She was appointed Chair of the Federal Initiatives Team for the 28th Annual SA to DC trip for 2006. She is also a Corporate Member of the South San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce, National Association of Business Women Organization, and San Antonio Human Resource Managers Association(SAHRMA).

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Gloria is the recipient of numerous leadership and teaching awards in San Antonio and California. In 1995, she was selected as a Member of the Small Business Management Delegation to Russia, Latvia, and Estonia.